

1                   Beverly Martin.

2                   Darrell McGraw.

3                   Hilda -- is it Roman?

4                   MS. ROMAN: Correct.

5                   Good afternoon. My name is Hilda Roman.

6 I work for Bally's Park Place in the Atlantic City

7 Hilton as a recruitment specialist. Thank you for

8 giving me the opportunity to address the committee

9 today on casino gambling.

10                   I would have liked to tell you the

11 complete story of how 11 members of my family came to

12 work at Bally's Park Place in the Atlantic City

13 Hilton. However, three minutes is not enough time to

14 tell about how the casino industry has helped my

15 family. So I'll limit it to two family members.

16                   However, I have submitted my written

17 statement for the record.

18                   My parents have 11 children and 17

19 grandchildren. My father was the first to be hired at

20 Bally's Park Place. My father had worked for a

21 company for ten years before they closed for good. He

22 then went to work on a farm. However, during the

1 winter months, there was no work, and we lived off of  
2 what little my father could save. So you can say I  
3 grew up poor during this time period.

4 My father knew he had to get a decent job  
5 in order to support his large family. My father  
6 decided to join the casino industry. It was at  
7 Bally's Park Place where he got a new start in life.  
8 My father has been at Bally's Park Place for 15 years.  
9 His current position is bell person. My father was  
10 able to provide us with a better life because of the  
11 casino industry.

12 I started at Bally's Park Place next. I  
13 was working for a small bank, barely making enough to  
14 support myself. I was afraid to come to the casinos.  
15 My father convinced me to give it a try.

16 I have had various positions in the  
17 Personnel Department while at Bally's. I have taken  
18 company sponsored training courses to better myself.  
19 I have also had the privilege of traveling for the  
20 company. I have gained a lot of experience that I  
21 would not have today had I not taken the chance 14  
22 years ago.

1           I now own my own home and am a single  
2 parent of three children.

3           These are only two stories of what the  
4 casino industry has done for my family. It has given  
5 us the opportunity to better our lives and for us, in  
6 particular, the opportunity to work together.

7           Eleven members of the Roman family work at  
8 Bally's Park Place in the Atlantic City Hilton. I  
9 have 19 other family members to go.

10           Thank you.

11           CHAIRPERSON JAMES: Thank you.

12           Mr. John Dossett.

13           David Harlowe.

14           MR. HARLOWE: Yes. Dear Commission  
15 members, my name is David Harlowe, and I'm an employee  
16 of the Atlantic City Hilton, and I would like to take  
17 this opportunity to tell you how the casino industry  
18 has influenced me as a lifetime resident of Atlantic  
19 County, New Jersey.

20           In 1980, while attending a local community  
21 college, my parents could not afford to send me to a  
22 large college and with little likelihood of finding